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S. RES. 50

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 3, 1949

Mr. JOHNSON of Colorado submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce

FEBRUARY 10, 1949

Reported by Mr. JOHNSON of Colorado, with an amendment, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

MARCH 23 (legislative day, MARCH 18), 1949

Reported by Mr. HAYDEN, with additional amendments

APRIL 11, 1949

Considered, amended, and agreed to

RESOLUTION

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Committee on Interstate and Foreign
- 2 Commerce, or any duly authorized subcommittee thereof, is
- 3 authorized and directed during the Eighty-first Congress to
- 4 make a full and complete study and investigation of such
- 5 problems as it may deem proper relating to (1) the financial
- 6 stability and operational efficiency of the air-line industry;
- 7 (2) all matters pertaining to the United States merchant
- 8 marine; (3) all domestic land and water transportation to
- 9 determine (a) whether existing conditions conform to the
- 10 national transportation policy as declared in the Interstate
- 11 Commerce Act, and (b) the effect of large expenditures of

1 public moneys and private capital upon transportation
2 charges and to what extent such expenditures are reflected
3 in costs of production and prices to consumers; and (4) all
4 matters relating to radio, telegraph, and telephone communi-
5 cations, including (a) the problems relating to American
6 common carriers operating in the domestic and international
7 fields, including the relationship of these problems to the
8 national security of the United States; (b) the problems
9 presented by requirements of international treaties and con-
10 ventions in relation to such revisions as may be necessary
11 to the Communications Act of 1934; (c) the problems aris-
12 ing from unprecedented demands for frequencies for such
13 communication services as television; safety and special serv-
14 ices, including aviation, railroads, busses, trucks, taxicabs;
15 common-carrier uses; and industrial uses; and the policies
16 which the Congress should adopt for the granting of such
17 allocations; (d) the manner in which the Federal Communi-
18 cations Commission exercises its licensing authority with
19 respect to radio applications; (e) the extent to which the
20 Federal Communications Commission examines the qual-
21 fications of applicants for licenses or renewals of licenses in
22 order to determine that only qualified persons are licensed
23 to operate radio stations or other licensed facilities; and (f)
24 the extent to which the Federal Communications Commission
25 examines the operation or proposed operation of radio sta-

1 tions in order to assure that such stations have been or will
2 be operated in the public interest.

3 SEC. 2. The committee shall report its findings, and
4 recommend such legislation as it may deem advisable to
5 the Senate at the earliest practicable date.

6 SEC. 3. For the purposes of this resolution the com-
7 mittee, or any duly authorized subcommittee thereof, is
8 authorized, during the sessions, recesses, and adjourned
9 periods of the Eighty-first Congress, (1) to make such
10 expenditures, as it deems advisable; (2) to employ upon a
11 temporary basis such technical, clerical, and other assist-
12 ants as it deems advisable; and (3) with the consent of the
13 head of the department or agency concerned, to utilize the
14 services, information, facilities, and personnel of any of the
15 departments or agencies of the Government.

16 SEC. 4. Expenses of the committee under this resolu-
17 tion, which shall not exceed \$165,000, shall be paid from the
18 contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by
19 the chairman of the committee.

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